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SUBJECT: RUFUGEES IN INDIA FROM WAST PAKISTAN AND THE
FORMER EAST PAKISTAN

REF: STATE 118366, STATE 124829, NEW DELHI 3351

1. THE STATISTICAL DIFFERENCES CALLED TO OUR ATTENTION IN
STATE 118366 APPEAR TO ARISE FROM THE DISTICNTION BETWEEN
THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED
IN INDIA AFTER 1963 ANJC
THE NUMBER "WHOSE STATUS REMAINS ESSENTIALLY THAT OF A REFUGEE".

2. THE REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND REHABILITATION
FOR 1972-73 SHOWED 1,113,958 MIGRANTS ARRIVING FROM THE FORMER
EAST PAKISTAN BETWEEN JANUARY 1,1964, EFND MARCH 25,1971 (I.E.K,
BEFORE THE CRISIS IN EAST PAKISTAN). AS A RESULT OF RESETTLE-
MENT EFFORTS, HOWEVER, ONLY 30,536 FAMILIES FROM THE FORMER
EAST PAKISTAN REMAINED IN CAMPS AS OF DPEMBER 31,1972.
ASSUMING FIVE MEMBERS PUA FAMILY, THAT WOULD MAKE ABOUT
150,000 REFUGEES FROM EAST PAKISTAN STILL NOT RESETTLED AS
OF THE END OF 1972. (ABOUT 15,000 PRE-1971 REFUGEE
FAMILIES RETURNED TO BANGLADESH ALONG WITH THE 1971 REFUGEES,
OWT BY THE END OF 1972, ABOUT 7,600 OF THOSE FAMILIES HAD COME
BACK TO INDIA AND HAD BEEN READMITTED TO CAMPS. OTHERWISE,
ALL THE REFUGEES WERE RESETTLED IN INDIA.) ALSO, ACCORDING TO
THE MINISTRY'S REPORT, 79,595 REFUGEES FROM WAST PAKISTAN DURING
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THE 1971 WAS REMAINED IN INDIA AT THE END OF 1972.

3. STATISTICS PARP 1 C OF NEW DELHI 3351 CAME FROM ANSWERS TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS DURING 1973/74. SINCE THEN, THE GOI HAS RELEASED THE REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND REHABILITATION FOR 1973/74. IT SHOWS 28,448 FAMILIES OR 119,639 INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGRATED FROM THE FORMER EAST PAKISTAN STILL IN CMAMPS AT THE END OF 1973. THIS REPORT REVISES DOWNWARD TO 73,000 THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES FROM WAST PAKKSTAN DURING THE 1971 WAR, OF WHOM 59,441 REMAINED IN INDIA AT THE END OF 1973. THE REPORT ASSERTS THAT THE DIFFERENCE OF ABOUT 13,000 RETURNED TO PAKISTAN; HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES TOLD US EARLIER THAT VERY FEW HAD RETURNED PERMANENTLY TO PAKISTAN. THOSE SOURCES SUGGESTED THAT SOME MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABSORBED IN INDIA THROUGH THEIR OWN EFFORTS OR THE EFFORTS OF RELATIVES. (THE GOI OFFICIAL POSITION IS THAT THESE 1971 REFUGEES ARE PAKISTAN'S RESPONSIBILITY AND MUST RETURN. IT WON'T FORCE THEM TO GO, HOWEVER, AND PROBABLY EXPECTS THAT MOST WILL SOMEHOW BE ABSORBED IN INDIA.)

4. WE SENT COPIES OF BOTH THE 1972-73 AND 1973-74 REPORTS OF THE MISISTRY OF LABOR AND REHABILITATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LIBRARY UNDER CERP.
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